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ANNUAL PLANNING REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

FREDERICK, MD – The Community Development Division has released the 2012 Annual Planning Report, which is available at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/communitydevelopment.

The Annual Report provides a summary of Planning & Development Review Department activities conducted during 2012, an overview of development activity, and also addresses the state reporting requirements for the Smart Growth Measures and Indicators.

Development activity highlights are:

- There were 893 permits issued for new residential dwellings (including the county and all municipalities), which was a significant increase from the 533 permits issued in 2011. Most of this increase is attributed to activity in The City of Frederick.
- Of the 893 residential dwelling permits, 44 percent were in The City of Frederick, which is its highest percentage of total permits in the county ever. The city typically represents about one third of total residential dwelling permits in a given year.
- The 893 permits issued in 2012 is the 5th consecutive year the county and municipalities have issued fewer than 1,000 permits, which last occurred in the period from 1967 to 1971.
- 2012 saw a significant increase in the number of multi-family dwellings constructed versus single-family detached dwellings. Again, this is likely attributed to activity in The City of Frederick.

For additional information, visit the Planning office at 30 North Market Street, Frederick, Md., or contact the Community Development Division at 301-600-1138.

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